>>> < <u>DMWHISMAN@aol.com</u>> 08/13/03 12:40AM >>> To Whom It May Concern:

As a woman, and as a person working in the legal profession for 40 years, I am strongly in favor of tougher domestic violence laws and for even the ones on the books to be strictly enforced. It is ridiculous that domestic violence is consider a misdemeanor and generally the person who is the abuser is allowed out of jail on a very low bond. In this day and age, there should no longer be any more domestic violence.

I would recommend a six year mandatory prison sentence for domestic violence if there is any physical assault whatsoever.

Please pass stricter domestic violence laws.

Sincerely, Diane M. Whisman